



# Menomonee River Parkway Renewal



Public Information Meeting  
November 20, 2013

## Background and Project Scope

The Menomonee River Parkway was acquired by Milwaukee County in 1927 and developed primarily for resource protection and recreation. The roadway was designed as a scenic pleasure route for bicyclists, pedestrians, for low-volume motor vehicle use, and to provide public access to the park amenities. Over the past 80 years, residential construction along the parkway, the addition of new facilities and development of the surrounding area has resulted in a substantial increase in traffic. The parkway was last reconstructed over thirty years ago and is in very poor condition with roadway potholes and deteriorating pavement.

The project is to study the current and future needs of the parkway and develop conceptual design alternatives based on assessed needs. The process provides a rare opportunity to rethink how the parkway is used and to renew the recreational function while recognizing current and future uses.

## Project Area

The project includes 5 miles of parkway from Church Street to Congress Street. At this time, the project does not include improvements at major intersections including Swan Blvd., North Ave., Burleigh St., or Capitol Drive.

## Purpose of the Meeting

Milwaukee County and its planning consulting team is conducting today's meeting to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the Menomonee River Parkway Renewal Project. Input is being sought to identify current problems, recommend solutions, and assist the team in evaluating improvements to pedestrian access, bike and pedestrian safety, traffic flow, traffic calming, parkway aesthetics, and best management practices to improve runoff water quality and improve the environment.

### What you can do

**Review the display materials** and talk to the planning staff at each station.

**Provide information about what you see as problem areas** that exist in the parkway and learn more about practical tools and treatments that could be applied to reduce or solve those problems in the future.

**Fill out the brief survey/comment form** at the back of this handout and return it this evening or by December 6, 2013, so your input can be considered as the planning process proceeds.

### Submit Comments

- Speak to staff at each exhibit;  
**and**
- Leave behind completed comment form tonight;  
**or**
- Mail completed comment form by 12/6/2013 to:  
Menomonee River Parkway  
c/o Martinsek & Assoc.  
1325 E Potter Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53207  
**or**
- Go online between 11/21 and 12/6/2013 to fill out and submit the form electronically.  
<http://county.milwaukee.gov/MenomoneeRiverParkwayRenewal>

## Next Steps

December 6, 2013 Close of initial comment period  
Mid January, 2014 Second Public Information Meeting  
to review alternative concepts  
February, 2014 Completion of Conceptual Design

*It is anticipated that construction will be phased over two years with the segment between Burleigh and Congress Streets done in 2014 and the segment between Church and Burleigh Streets done in 2015.*

